

## Message Text

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AMCONSUL MONTERREY BY POUCH

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: OGEN MX  
SUBJECT: UNAUTHORIZED VISITS BY BATF PERSONNEL

REF A. MEXICO 2035, B. MEXICO 11380, C. MEXICO 0324,  
D. MEXICO 0911

1. ON FEB. 10, EMB RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF SCHEDULED MEETING  
IN MONTERREY BETWEEN PERMANENT SENATE SUB COMMITTEE STAFF  
MEMBERS F. KEITH ATKINSON AND WILLIAM B. GALINARO, BATF S/A  
THOMAS HUPP AND LIC. SALVADOR DEL TORO ROSALES, COORDINATOR  
OF FEDERAL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS. MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 11  
AND EMB RECEIVED NOTIFICATION LESS THAN 24 HOURS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED  
TIME FOR MEETING. NO COUNTRY CLEARANCE WAS REQUESTED FOR SUBCOMM  
MEMBERS OR BATF AGENT.

2. EMBASSY IS ALWAYS HAPPY TO ASSIST US OFFICIALS SO THAT THEIR STAY  
IN MEXICO MAY BE BOTH PLEASANT AND PRODUCTIVE. IT IS REGRETTABLE  
THAT IN THIS CASE PRIOR NOTIFICATION WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE  
EMBASSY'S PARTICIPATION.

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3. EMBASSY IS MOST CONCERNED THAT NO INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED  
CONCERNING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS. SINCE A BATG  
AGENT WAS CHOSEN TO ACCOMPANY SUBCOMM MEMBERS IT CAN ONLY BE ASSUMED  
THAT FIREARMS WAS AT LEAST PART OF THE SUBJECT MATTER TO BE  
DISCUSSED. IF, IN FACT, THIS MEETING CONCERNED THE FIREARMS  
ISSUE EMBASSY IS VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO PROCEDURES USED. THE

FIREARMS ISSUE IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO THE GOM. DISCUSSION OF SENSITIVE MATTERS BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL WITHOUT EMBASSY GUIDANCE CAN BE EXTREMELY PREJUDICIAL TO EMBASSY'S POSITION IN MEXICO. WITHOUT COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, EMBASSY IS PLACED IN POSITION OF BEING UNABLE TO RESPOND TO ANY ADVERSE PUBLICITY WHICH MAY ARISE FROM SUCH DISCUSSIONS. EMBASSY IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHEN IT WILL RECEIVE A FULL REPORT OF THE NATURE AND CONTENT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON FEB. 11.

4. ONCE AGAIN EMBASSY REMINDS THAT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN 1974 REF (A) PARA 1) MAKE CUSATT MEXICO THE OFFICIAL POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFIC. ALSO, THE PRESENT AG HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO DEAL WITH SINGLE AGENCIES IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT (REF (D) PARA 6). CUSATT IS PRESENTLY DEALING NOT ONLY WITH AG'S OFFICE BUT WITH OTHER GOM AGENCIES IN OBTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFIC. UNAUTHORIZED VISITS FROM US DOMESTIC PERSONNEL CAN BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE EFFORTS OF THE CUSATT.

5. REGARDLESS OF SUBJECT MATTER DISCUSSED AT FEB. 11 MEETING FACT REMAINS THAT EMB'S POSITION WAS COMPLETELY DISREGARDED. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO OBTAIN EMB CLEARANCE OR GUIDANCE. FREEDOM EXERCISED BY AGENT HUPP IN ENTERING MEXICO ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS WITHOUT EMB CONCURRENCE MAY TEND TO IMPLY EMB'S SANCTION OF BATF'S PRESENCE IN MEXICO. THIS IS NOT CASE. THESE UNAUTHORIZED VISITS HAVE OCCURRED REPEATEDLY IN SPITE OF EMB'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTEMPTS TO INFORM TREASURY OF PROPER PROCEDURES. AGAIN EMB REQUESTS THAT TREASURY INSTRUCT ALL PROSPECTIVE TRAVELERS TO MEXICO AND ESPECIALLY AGENT HUPP OF PROPER PROCEDURES TO BE USED IN TRAVELING TO MEXICO ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. COUNTRY CLEARANCE MUST BE REQUESTED WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANY PROPOSED TRIP AND EMB'S CONCURRENCE SHOULD NEVER BE ASSUMED. REQUEST SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE JUSTIFICATION FOR TRIP.  
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